

I wish to protest the use by Sinclair Broadcasting of the public airways to air an anti-John Kerry documentary close to the election. I feel it is a piece of political propaganda, that there is a high probability that it will not be accurate, that it is definitely not news serving the public, and that it responds to the needs of one political party at a crucial time. Crucial because there will be little time to refute in a way that will reach the public.

While I agree that Moore's Fahrenheit 9/11 reflected bias and was, in several areas, not accurate, it was shown at movie houses where the viewer paid for the showing. This anti-Kerry documentary pre-empted regular television and comes into the homes of viewers free of extra charge.

I think Sinclair is failing to use the public airways as it is required to do. I do not believe it is serving the public interest; I believe the notoriety of the disputed showing will indeed gain Sinclair a large audience. I believe Sinclair is serving the designs of one political party, and, if there is no way of stopping this illegal use of the airways, then I believe Sinclair owes John Kerry and his party equal time. Will I watch Sinclair's scheduled show? Probably, because I like to know what the opposing forces are doing. Would I watch if Sinclair shows a Kerry film (Going Up River is probably available), of course I would.

This campaign has shown a worrisome example of what a biased or controlled press can do. The FCC owes it to the citizens and not to the media corporations bottom lines, to get a handle on the overwhelming consolidation of the various channels and station under powers with definite viewpoints, definite biases. Thank you.